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Weekly Cattle Market Update

For the Week Ending March 10, 2017

All prices are quoted in Canadian dollars per hundredweight ($/cwt) unless otherwise stated.

Saskatchewan Feeder Steer and Feeder Heifer Prices ($/cwt)								
Feeder Steers		**300-400**	**400-500**	**500-600**	**600-700**	**700-800**	**800-900**	**900+ lb.**
March 10/2017	Average	$224.75	$219.90	$205.00	$186.60	$169.75	$159.25	$154.30
March 10/2017	Range	219-229	208-229	197-215	177-199	163-177	156-164	152-157
week/week	Change	$5.67	$1.82	$2.60	-$0.33	$2.42	-$0.17	$0.88
March 3/2017	Average	$219.08	$218.08	$202.40	$186.93	$167.33	$159.42	$153.42
Feeder Heifers		**300-400**	**400-500**	**500-600**	**600-700**	**700-800**	**800+ lb.**	
March 10/2017	Average	$183.81	$177.80	$171.71	$164.00	$156.75	$149.38	
March 10/2017	Range	173-191	168-190	164-182	158-175	151-167	144-155	
week/week	Change	$6.91	$0.38	$1.83	$2.25	$3.50	$1.68	
March 3/2017	Average	$176.90	$177.42	$169.88	$161.75	$153.25	$147.70	

Source: CanFax

Note: Prices are determined from Saskatchewan auction marts' reports of sale results from Thursday of the previous week to Wednesday the current week. N.A. means not available due to lack of sufficient data.

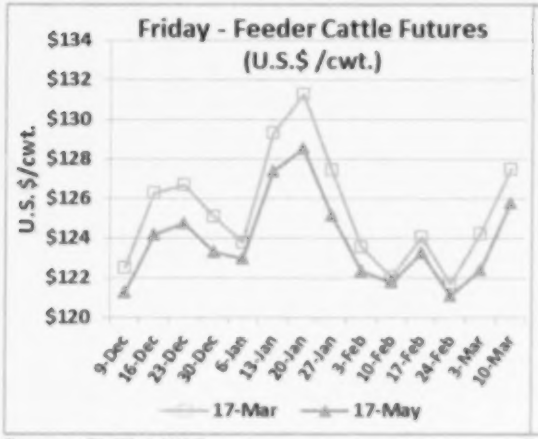
Canfax reported that a total of 10,906 head of cattle were sold in Saskatchewan this week, down from 16,965 head sold the previous week, and down from 11,255 head sold the same week a year ago.

Saskatchewan feeder steer prices were reported in all weight categories over the week with feeder steer prices mixed, but mostly higher. Feeder steer prices ranged between $0.33 per cwt lower and $5.67 per cwt higher. The 300-400 lb. feeder steer weight category had the biggest gain; while the 600-700 lb. weight category had the largest loss. Overall, feeder steer prices averaged almost $2 per cwt higher.

Saskatchewan feeder heifer prices were reported in all weight categories over the week with prices higher in all weight categories. Feeder heifer prices over the week increased between $0.38 per cwt and $6.91 per cwt from the previous week. The biggest price gain over the week was in the 300-400 lb. feeder heifer weight category; while there were no price declines.

The Saskatchewan 750 lb. feeder steer basis compared to the March 9, 2017, U.S. feeder cattle index at US$127.22 per cwt was calculated at (-$1.52) per cwt ($169.75 - US$127.22/0.7428), a basis narrowing (positive) of $0.55 per cwt from (-$2.07) per cwt; compared to the previous week. Saskatchewan prices were $1.52 per cwt lower than the U.S. feeder cattle index price.

Feeder cattle daily futures prices were mixed over the week with strong gains Thursday and Friday to help push prices higher, week-over-week. The March-to-May 2017 feeder cattle futures contracts increased between US$3.250 per cwt and US$3.725 per cwt; with the March contract increasing US$3.250 per cwt to settle Friday US$127.475 per cwt. The May 2017 contract increased US$3.375 per cwt to settle Friday at US$125.775 per cwt.



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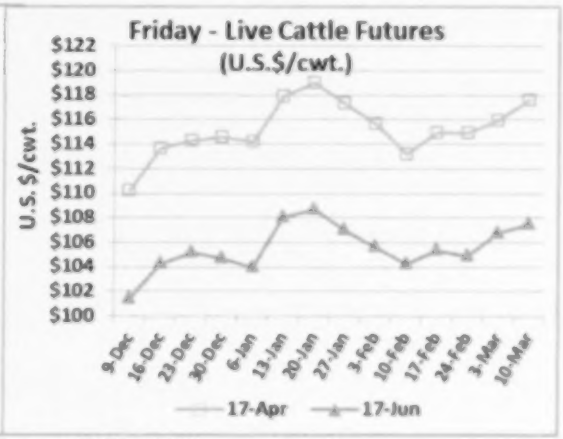

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Live daily cattle futures prices were mixed over the week with good gains later in the week to move prices higher, week-over-week. The nearby April contract increased US$1.625 per cwt to settle Friday at US$117.600 per cwt; while the June contract increased US$0.750 per cwt to settle Friday at US$107.500 per cwt.

Iowa cash corn prices settled Friday at US$3.19 per bushel, down 19 cents from US$3.33 per bushel the previous Friday. Daily corn futures were lower over the week with larger losses on Thursday to push prices lower, week-over-week. The March corn futures contract declined 16.8 cents to settle Friday at US$3.58 per bushel, while the May 2017 corn contract declined 16.5 cents per bushel to settle Friday at US$3.64 ¼ per bushel. Higher projected world corn production; particularly from Brazil and Argentina helped push corn prices lower.

Fed and Non-fed Cattle

	March 10, 2017	March 3, 2017	Week over Week
Steers (Alberta)			
Live	$163.54	$163.22	+$0.32
Rail	$268.50 to $274.50	$271.00 to $273.50	-$2.50 to +$1.00
Cows (Alberta)			
D1,2 Live	$99.25	$97.70	+$1.55
D3 Live	$89.90	$86.00	+$3.90
Rail	$188-193	$182-187	+$6.00

Source: Canfax. (n/a = not available, n/c = no change)

Prices for liveweight, non-fed cattle in Alberta were higher over the week. The price of D1,2 slaughter cows increased $1.55 per cwt to average $99.25 per cwt, while the price of D3

slaughter cows increased $3.90 per cwt to average $89.90 per cwt. Fed cattle prices for Alberta fed steers were reported to average $163.54 per cwt over the week, up $0.32 per cwt from $163.22 per cwt the previous week.

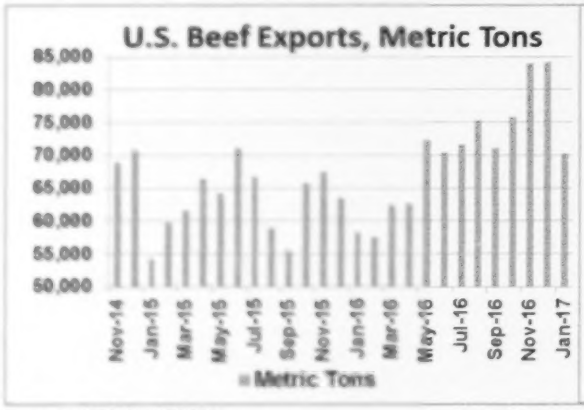
The live (FOB feedlot) weighted average 5-area (Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Iowa/Minnesota) weekly fed steer price in the U.S. was reported at US$125.23 per cwt, up US$0.47 per cwt or 0.4 per cent from US$124.76 per cwt the previous week; but down 9.2 per cent from US$137.93 per cwt the same week a year ago. The dressed (delivered basis) price for U.S. steers delivered to plants in the 5-area was reported at US$201.56 per cwt, up US$1.58 per cwt or 0.8 per cent from US$199.98 per cwt the previous week, but down 8.3 per cent from US$219.92 per cwt the same week a year ago.

Beef production for the week was estimated at 480.3 million lb., up 0.9 per cent from 475.9 million lb. the previous week, and up 6.3 per cent from 451.7 million lb. the same week a year ago. Cattle slaughtered over the week were estimated at 587,000 head, up 1.0 per cent from 581,000 head the previous week, and up 8.1 per cent from 543,000 head the same week a year ago.

U.S. choice beef cutout prices (600-900 lb.) averaged US$214.12 per cwt over the week, up US$8.26 per cwt or 4.0 per cent from US$205.86 per cwt the previous week, but down 4.0 per cent from US$222.96 per cwt the same week a year ago.

United States Beef Exports

United States exported 70,278 metric tons of beef in January 2017, down 16.5 per cent from 84,126 metric tons in December 2016, but up 20.7 per cent from 58,206 metric tons in January 2016. U.S. beef exports by volume in January 2017 compared to January 2016 were notably higher to Japan (+40.6%), Korea (+35.8%), Mexico (+42.5%), and Canada (+12.0%); but lower to Hong Kong/China (-25.5%). By dollar amount U.S. beef exports in January 2017 were $451.5 million dollars, down 16.0 per cent from December 2016, but up 22.2 per cent from $369.5 million dollars in January 2016.



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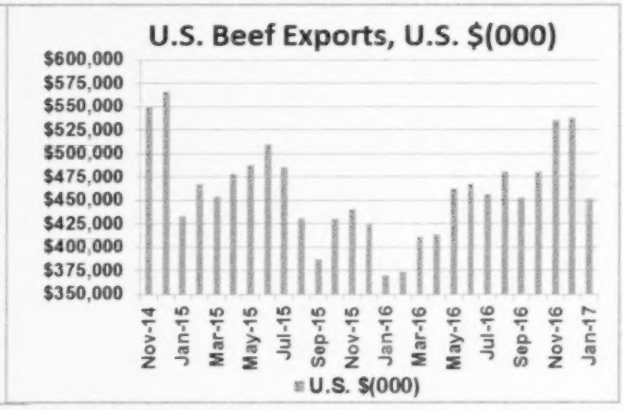

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Friday Price Information

Product			This Week (March 10, 2017)	Week of: (March 3, 2017)	Week of: (March 11, 2016)
Canadian Dollar (closing rate US$)			.7428	.7474	.7558
U.S. Cash Cattle					
Thurs. Feeder Cattle (FC) Index (US$ per cwt)			127.22	126.61	160.03
Seven-day Weighted Average FC Index Wt. (lb.)			801	801	759
Live Fed 5-area Steer Price (US$ per cwt)			125.23	124.76	137.93
Feed Grains					
Barley	Lethbridge ($/tonne)		155.00	155.00	205.00
	($ per bu.)		3.37	3.37	4.46
Corn	Iowa State Average (CDN$/tonne)*		169.07	175.40	174.49
	(US$ per bu.)		3.19	3.33	3.35
	Omaha, NE (CDN$/tonne)*		171.19	178.04	180.74
	(US$ per bu.)		3.23	3.38	3.47
Futures					
	March Corn (US$ per bu.)		3.58	3.74 ¾	3.66
	May Corn (US$ per bu.)		3.64 ¼	3.80 ¾	3.65
	April Live Cattle (US$ per cwt)		117.600	115.975	139.800
	June Live Cattle (US$ per cwt)		107.500	106.750	128.550
	March Feeder Cattle (US$ per cwt)		127.475	124.225	162.400
	May Feeder Cattle (US$ per cwt)		125.775	122.400	162.100

Sources: Bank of Canada, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), ICE Futures Canada and USDA Livestock & Grain Market News
* conversion to CDN$ is based on Friday's CDN$ closing rate.

USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE)

On March 9, the USDA released the March World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE). The March USDA WASDE report revised the **2017** United States Red Meat and Poultry production estimates to **100.739 billion lb**., a slight increase from the February estimates, with a 3.1 per cent increase in meat production for 2017 compared to 2016. United States meat production numbers for 2017 were estimated to increase for pork (+4.7%), beef (+4.1%), broilers (+2.1%), and turkey (+1.7%), from 2016. The big change from the previous February report was that beef production estimates for 2017 were increased by one per cent in the February estimates on higher first quarter slaughter data and higher first quarter animal placements. (Source: USDA WASDE)

USDA March World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

		Million Pounds				Total Red Meat
	Quarter	Beef	Pork	Broiler	Turkey	& Poultry
2014	**Annual**	**24,252**	**22,843**	**38,550**	**5,756**	**92,171**
2015	**Annual**	**23,698**	**24,501**	**40,048**	**5,627**	**94,630**
2016	**Feb. Proj.**	**25,212**	**24,939**	**40,686**	**5,981**	**97,589**
% Chg.	**2015-2016**	**6.39%**	**1.79%**	**1.59%**	**6.29%**	**3.13%**
2017	Feb. Proj.	26,000	26,170	41,525	6,120	100,586
2017	**March Proj.**	**26,250**	**26,105**	**41,525**	**6,085**	**100,739**
% Chg.	Feb.to March	0.96%	-0.25%	0.00%	-0.57%	0.15%
% Chg.	**2016 to 2017**	**4.12%**	**4.68%**	**2.06%**	**1.74%**	**3.23%**

Source: USDA February WASDE Report, March 9, 2017

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